decide on the application of India for the allotment of "Pioneer area' in the Indian Ocean only after the Rules of Procedure for the registration of pioneet investors and allotment ol Pioneer area in terms of Resolution II of 30 April, 1982 (governing the prote:tion of investments in pioneer activities relating to polymetallic nodules) have been finalised Tlie Commission has accorded priority to this work. '

(bj In terms of the aforementioned Resolution a Pioneer investor is entitled for the allotment of only one mine site not exceedig 150,000 sq. kilomettes. Therefore, the quesiton of a'lotmeit of the second mine site tc India will not arise.

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464. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA;

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA

SURI P. N. SUKUL:

Wil the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of non-aligned countries w'io are members of the Antarctica Ch ib; and

(b) v/hether it is a fact that the Third World contries have protested against the Bonn negotiations on oil *saA* minerals in the Antarctica?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AIS > TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRJ SHIVRAJ V PATIL): (a) Two member coirtries of the non-#ligned movement name'p, Argentina and India are cosultative members of the Antarctic Treaty. Another non-aligned country Peru has very recently acceded to the Treaty and is a non cons'ultntive membei.

(b) Government' is not aware o any global forum of developing coun tries, including the non-aflgned movement, which has protested against the special consultative meeting QB Antarctica Mineral Resources, held in Bonn in July, 1983. Some individual coitries had, however, expressed certain reservations on this, item during the debate at the Unite^ Nations General Assembly last year. Their concern was regarding the Antarctic Treaty Parties proceeding with the discussions aimed at concluding a regime on Antarctic Mineral Re I purees.

465. *[Transferred to the llth July,* 1984].

power from Controlled Fusion

466. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a project called "Aditya" to develop power from controlled fusion under the Plasma Physics Programme at Ahmedabad; and

(b I if so ,what are its salient features, progress and estimated expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNO LOGY, ATOMIC EN ERGY, SPACE ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRJ SHIVRAJ V PATIL): (a) and (b) litya' is an experimental device which is being fabricated to study the stability, confinement and transport of high temperature plasma and . carry out basic experiments in these fields. The generation of power through controlled fusion is not among the objectives of this project, which ig supported by the Government. The conceptual and engineering designs o* tho nroject have been completed. Its various sub-systems are in the process of being fabricated. The cost of the project, including the cost of the laboratories, equipment facilities and expenditure on scientific and other staff ig estimated to be around Rupees nine crores. The project is expecte^ to De operational in 1936.